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Adinolfi Honored by Department of Defense Support Organization



HARTFORD – State Representative Al Adinolfi (R-Cheshire) was recently awarded the “Above and Beyond Award” by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) for his efforts in support of members of the National Guard, Reserves, and veterans. ESGR is a Department of Defense organization. It is a staff group within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense

for Reserve Affairs (ASD/RA), which is in itself a part of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Earlier this year, ESGR awarded Representative Adinolfi their “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his lifetime of work on behalf of guard members, reservists, and veterans.

Adinolfi, who is an Air Force veteran of the Korean War era, serves on the legislatures Veterans Affairs Committee, and worked on a number of bills during past sessions aimed at supporting the military and their families.

“It is a unique honor to be recognized by ESGR once again,” said Representative Adinolfi. “I am proud to continue my efforts to work on behalf of members of the Guard and Reserve, as well as the many veterans who all gave and continue to give so much to preserve our freedom and protect our nation.”

“CTESGR wanted to give a special THANKS to Representative Adinolfi for his long and outstanding efforts in support of Connecticut's Veterans, including today's Citizen Soldiers and Sailors; National Guard and Reservists,” said Lewis Vasquez, State Chairman of the Connecticut ESGR. “He may not be serving in uniform but he is certainly supporting us with his whole heart. I am always proud to hear Representative Adinolfi encourage his audience to ‘Thank a Veteran.’ It is really important because without veterans we would not have the Freedom and Security that Americans take for granted.

“As Chairman of the CT Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (CTESGR), and on behalf of all our Veterans, I salute Representative Adinolfi with pride and honor.”

ESGR was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution

of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. It is the lead DoD organization for this mission under DoD Directive 1250.1. Today ESGR operates through a network of hundreds of volunteers throughout the nation and Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Europe.